

Dear Planning and Development Committee:

If you live in the towns affected by the sham of the deal made with the Niagara Water Bottling company or this state aren't you outraged by the disregard for the citizens' health and welfare? You should be ashamed if you do not vote for the Substitute SB 422" bill, (An Act Concerning Residential Water Rates, Public Drinking Water Supply Emergencies and the Sellers of Bottled Water). Consider the following:

- **Protect residents, not water bottlers during a drought.** If the DPH declares a Drought Advisory, the production of bottled water in CT needs to stop.
- **Rescind water rate discounts for water bottlers.** They extract large amounts of our municipal water and spring water, fill the environment with plastic pollution, and profit while citizens are conserving and paying more.
- **Rescind the *Special Sewer Service Charge* discount for water bottlers (now known as the *Clean Water Project Charge*).** CT ratepayers have paid for years to build infrastructure for clean water; no discounts for corporations.
- **Re-establish a citizen MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) watch dog committee.**
- **Impose a moratorium on any new large capacity agreements** until the State Water Plan is completed and addresses the issue of water bottling companies diverting water out of watersheds.

Vote for what is best for your constituents, regardless of party lines, lobbying by special interest groups, corporations. We are the ones who vote.

Sincerely, Seamus & Lorraine Donagher